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**BirdLine** Operated by June Neal on behalf of BirdLife Cyprus is the bird information hotline. To hear a pre-recorded message with recent interesting bird sightings and to add your own observations, please phone 00357 25 934076.

***The Monthly Newsletter and Society News is compiled by Jane Stylianou (mobile phone number 99558953). Any suggestions concerning subjects for future inclusion gratefully received, as are photographs of any recent sightings. Please send to [janesty@yaho.co.uk](mailto:janesty@yaho.co.uk).***

*Cover photo:* Pallas' Gull or Great Black-headed Gull *Larus ichthyaetus* was first recorded in Cyprus in 1958. Although still only scarce with a few records annually, it has become more frequent in recent years. Often seen flying offshore or over a coastal location, they may not stay very long when they are discovered. This adult in winter plumage was photographed on December 28<sup>th</sup> at Lady's Mile by Filippos Georgiades.

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## BIRDLIFE CYPRUS FIELD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Spring 2014

*For fieldtrips, please don't forget your flask of coffee and sandwiches*

*Although their higher clearance is an advantage, 4x4s are not necessary for any of the field trips unless **stated otherwise** below.*

### **February 2014**

#### **Saturday 1st February: Akrotiri Peninsula**

Leader: June Neal. Tel: 25932008, Mobile: 99918665

Waterbirds and other winter visitors.

Meet at 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed beds

#### **Saturday 15th February: Paphos Foothills**

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Winter thrushes and finches.

Meet at 9.30 am, roundabout Paphos end of motorway, lay-by at "Konia" exit.

**4x4 not necessary for first part of trip, though may be required in the Ezousas Valley, depending on conditions**

#### **Saturday 22nd February: Larnaca Sewage Works and Larnaca Seafont**

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

Wintering gulls and waterfowl.

Meet at 9.30 am, dirt track leading to Larnaca Sewage Pool hide.

### **March 2014**

#### **Saturday 1st March: Asprokremmos Dam and Mandria**

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

Winter visitors and early spring migrants.

Meet at 9.30 am, Asprokremmos Dam car park, at the west end of the dam wall.

#### **Saturday 8th March: Akhna Dam & Oroklini Marsh**

Late winter visitors, early spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am west end of Akhna Dam Wall

Leader: Christopher Stavrou. Mobile: 99530213

#### **Saturday 15th March: Akrotiri Peninsula**

Late winter visitors, water birds and spring migrants

Meet 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed-beds

Leader: June Neal. Home Tel: 25932008, Mobile 99918665

#### **Saturday 22nd March: Paphos Lighthouse**

Spring migrants

Meet 8.30 am (please note the earlier start time), Entrance of Archaeological area by the Paphos Harbour Car Park

Leader: John Stapley. Home: 26652223, Mobile: 99554561

#### **Saturday 29th March: Larnaca Sewage Works & Oroklini Marsh**

Late spring migrants and waterbirds

Meet 9.30 am, Larnaca Sewage Works Hide.

Leader: Martin Hellicar. Mobile: 99907893.

## **April 2014**

### **Saturday 5th April: Cape Greko**

Spring migrants

Meet 7.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off (please note earlier start time)

Meet 9.30 am, Kermia Beach Hotel turn-off (a second meeting time for those unable to make the earlier one)

Leader: Stavros Christodoulides. Mobile: 99425050

### **Friday 11th - Sunday 13th April: Karpas Peninsula**

Spring migrants and rare residents

Details will follow

Leader: Melis Charalambides. Home Tel: 22632155, Mobile: 99653205

### **Friday 18th April – Monday 21st April: Easter**

### **Saturday 26th April: Cyprus Bird Race**

Details will follow

## **May 2014**

### **Saturday 3rd May: Neo Chorio Ringing Demonstration**

Directions for Meeting Point: Drive through Neo Chorio village passing by the village church, and follow the sign for the Smyies Picnic Area. After about one kilometre the well-made track makes a sharp turn to the right. The demonstration will be at the bend on the left. You will probably see several parked vehicles. If you reach the small Ayios Minas Church on your right, you have gone too far.

Duration of the demonstration is 9.00 am -12.30 pm

Leader: Alan Crabtree. Mobile: 99455345

### **Saturday 10th May: Kannaviou Dam & Paphos Forest**

Resident raptors, recent migrants and water birds

Meet 9.30 am, Stroumbi, Ezzo Petrol Station, opposite turn off to Polemi.

Leader: Colin Richardson. Home Tel: 26946682

### **Saturday 17th May: Akrotiri Peninsula**

Late spring migrants and water birds

Meet 9.30 am, Phassouri Reed-beds

Leader: to be advised.

## **Social Event**

### **Saturday 24th May: End of Season Get Together Lunch**

12.30 pm at Kyrenia Restaurant, Avdimou

For bookings please contact: Mrs Loria Phylakti, Mobile: 99 413383, email: loriaph@gmail.com

**Important Announcement:** Participation in BirdLife Cyprus field meetings is at one's own risk. BirdLife Cyprus accepts no liability or responsibility for accidents, illness, injury or loss or damage to property that might occur. Field trips require light to moderate exercise. Please contact the field trip leader for more information on difficulty, distances and terrain of a particular field trip.

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## CYPRUS BIRD REPORT 2012



The Cyprus Bird Report 2012 will soon be distributed to those members whose subscription includes it.

The report contains 40 colour photos, the 2012 Systematic List of 294 observed species which was compiled from nearly 57,000 records, the 2012 Ringing report, papers on the first Crested Honey Buzzard in Cyprus, the Yellow Wagtail species complex, House Martin colonies in western Cyprus, small predator species and the effects of a fire on the local bird species density. The Report includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird List. The front cover features the country's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sociable Lapwing.

Extra copies can be purchased from [birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:birdlifecyprus@birdlifecyprus.org.cy)

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## FIELD MEETING REPORT – AKROTIRI PENINSULA - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014

*Martin Hellicar*

The first field trip of the year was ushered in by a glorious sunny morning, but ended with a find that was anything but 'sunny'...

A good 30 people turned up at Phassouri marsh, the appointed meeting place, including at least three newcomers, which is always nice. We spotted **Water Pipit**, two **Eurasian Curlew** and had excellent views of **Western Marsh Harriers** and **Common Buzzard** as well as the more 'usual' fare of **Common Coots**, **Common Teal**, **Mallard**, **Common Starlings**, **Hooded Crow**, **Cetti's Warbler**, **Common Stonechat**, **Great Tit**, **European Goldfinch** and **Zitting Cisticola**. **Cattle Egrets** searched for insects among the grazing cows with their young calves, while **Red-throated Pipit** was heard and a brief glimpses were secured of **Common Kingfisher**, **Reed Bunting** and **Moustached Warbler**. A little further on, a lone **Common Crane** was obliging enough to allow good views for all. **Song Thrush**, **Blackcap**, **House Sparrow** and **Chaffinch** were added to the list from nearby groves.

Moving slowly through the gravel pits area, we enjoyed more Common Buzzards, and added **Chukar**, **Common Redshank**, **Common Kestrel**, **Hen Harrier**, **Sardinian Warbler**, **Black Redstart**, **Linnet**, **Meadow Pipit** and **White Wagtail** to the list. Our final stop before the New Year get-together lunch was to be the main salt lake, where we added thousands of **Greater Flamingoes**, tens of **Common Shelduck** and about a dozen **Golden Plover** to the day list, all seen from Akrotiri village.

We were all feeling pretty pleased with the morning's birding and looking forward to a good lunch in the village, when the harsh realities of bird conservation in Cyprus were brought crashing home to us by a nasty find made by Chris Stavrou.

Chris had spotted four set mist nets (each about 4 m high) hidden in a grove on the edge of the village, not 50 yards from where we had been admiring the salt lake birds. We managed to free one Blackcap from the death trap, but it was too late for a Robin and Sardinian Warbler found hanging in the nets.



The site was evidently well used, with the feathers lying under the nets testifying to regular killing activity a stone's throw from the village's busy main street. We called in the SBA Police, who arrived within 10 minutes to remove the nets and poles. It was a small victory, but mostly a worrying reminder of how widespread and brazen bird trapping has become.

It was a rather more sober party of birders that headed for the get-together meal, with the harsh reminder of the work we still have to do as conservationists on everyone's mind.

*Photograph of the mist nets by John Stapley.*

## **FIRST FIVE GRIFFON VULTURES RELEASED**

*Constantinos Charalambous and Claire Papazoglou*

Five more Griffon Vultures *Gyps fulvus* are flying free in Cyprus since December 10th, when personnel of the Game and Fauna Service, BirdLife Cyprus and the Department of Forests released the first five vultures that came from Crete as part of the GYPAS Project ([www.gypas.org](http://www.gypas.org)).

These birds were initially placed for one and a half year in a special cage in Ayios Ioannis in Pafos, in order to get acclimatized to the local conditions before being released.

For their future monitoring, GPS transmitters have been placed on the birds so the project partners can follow their movements. Additionally, each released bird is wearing a plastic ring on the right leg and two wing tags with matching codes. The codes of the released birds are the following: AAA, ACA, FAA, CMA, and CAJ. Both wing tags and rings are black with white letters. So please keep your eyes open and let us know if you see them.



More vultures will be released soon. We are hoping that they will soon mix with the local vultures, thus enriching the wild population, as only about 10 vultures currently live on the island, whereas in the future, the hope is that these birds will pair bond and start nesting in the wild, maybe reoccupying some of the old colonies on the island that have been abandoned in recent years.

*Photograph taken at the time of release by Albert Stöcker.*

Apart from the introduction of birds from Crete, the project GYPAS aims at educating and raising awareness of the public in order to help protect the largest bird of the island. Additionally various infrastructures have been built that will help the conservation efforts, such as cages for the acclimatization of birds and special restaurants for the vultures to feed. Similar actions have taken place in Crete.

The project GYPAS ([www.gypas.org](http://www.gypas.org)) is financed by 80% by the European Union and by 20% by National Funds of Greece and Cyprus as part of the Cross Border Cooperation Program Greece-Cyprus 2007-2013. The project is led by the Game and Fauna Service (Game Fund) in Cyprus, and partners in the project are BirdLife Cyprus and the Department of Forests in Cyprus, as well as the Natural History Museum of Crete (University of Crete) and Gortyna Municipality in Crete.

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## **REMINDER – WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

*Maria Christodoulou*

Don't miss the Wildlife Photography Workshop for BirdLife Cyprus members, organised as part of the celebrations for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The workshop is a unique opportunity for those who want to improve their wildlife photography skills and expand their photographic horizon, to learn from two skilled and enthusiastic wild bird photographers, Albert Stöcker and Stavros Christodoulides, both BirdLife Cyprus members and volunteers.

Those interested are kindly requested to send an email to Maria Christodoulou [maria.christodoulou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:maria.christodoulou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy) to reserve a place at the workshop.

The workshop will be in two parts.

### **Day 1 - Saturday 8 February 2014: The theory session!**

*Hours: 9:30 – 16:00, at the offices of BirdLife Cyprus, Nicosia*

You will be given a few tips on digital photography by the experts and you will learn how to adjust your camera settings in order to capture the spectacular detail of birds and their behavior in nature. Also, a small photography field trip will take place in the fields around the office, so you'll practice what you were taught earlier.

### **Day 2 - Sunday 16 February 2014: The practical session!**

*Hours: 8:30 – 16:00, at a meeting point (e.g. Larnaca Salt Lake) and the office of BirdLife Cyprus*

During this session, we will meet outdoors in an area of photographic interest such as the salt lakes of Larnaca or Akrotiri (the final meeting point will be decided during Day 1), to capture wildlife and bird scenes and later on we'll head back to the office of BirdLife Cyprus to discuss and review your photos.

**The workshop is free and is only for BirdLife Cyprus members**

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## **VOLUNTEERS' WORKSHOPS**

### **PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES**

Spring is fast approaching and this means it's time to go outdoors and take part in a few bird surveys. The Common Bird Monitoring Scheme (CBMS) and breeding birds Atlas programme will start again on 1 March and in preparation two volunteer workshops will take place in February. All volunteers are welcome – the workshops will not only cover the CBMS and Atlas work, but also our other survey work and the results from the 2013 surveys will be presented.

For any newcomers it will be the perfect introduction to our survey work and a chance to meet some of the BirdLife Cyprus team. There will also be an outdoor training session for those who need it, or those who would like a reminder of the survey techniques.

The workshops will be held on **19 February** at Kritou Terra Environmental Study Centre and **23 February** at the office of BirdLife Cyprus.

Please do come along. If you are an established volunteer surveyor you will get to hear how your hard work in the field is being utilized. If you are a newcomer, this is the best way to learn about our monitoring projects. Contact Martin Hellicar ([martin.hellicar@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:martin.hellicar@birdlifecyprus.org.cy)) or Andy Simpkin ([andy.simpkin@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:andy.simpkin@birdlifecyprus.org.cy)) to confirm attendance.

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### **BIRDLIFE CYPRUS CALENDAR 2014: BIRDS OF EUROPE**



You can now purchase the BirdLife Cyprus wall calendar for 2014, showcasing pictures of birds of Europe, focusing on flagship or important species from 12 European countries, including Cyprus. Each photograph is accompanied by information about the species and their habitats and the BirdLife Partner that provided us the photo. The calendar's dimensions are 23 X 32,5 cm and it costs €10 for members and €13 for non-members.

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**BIRD PHOTO QUIZ**  
*Stavros Christodoulides*

PHOTO # 15



Last Month's Quiz answer

While December's mystery bird is pretty distinctive, the angle in which the bird was photographed makes identification slightly trickier. Even at this awkward angle however, the bird's yellow eye as well as its sand-coloured upperparts are obvious, and great clues to its identity.

The shape of the bird is not so obvious, the cocked tail and head turned at an angle is somewhat confusing but with careful observation the head appears large and rounded, the bill thin, the body plump, and the tail rather long. The shape is most reminiscent of a Warbler species, especially a *Sylvia* warbler. *Sylvia* warblers are not known for their ground-dwelling behavior but this species is an exception. In fact if you can correctly identify it as a *Sylvia* the rest is extremely straightforward. It is a **Desert Warbler**, the only *Sylvia* species that shows a yellow eye and sand-coloured plumage.

However, even if you cannot identify the bird as a Warbler, the combination of yellow eye and pale plumage is unique. Sand-coloured birds are usually a sign of their desert habitat. This is the case of many birds that visit us from the Middle East, birds such as Cream-coloured Courser, Bar-tailed Lark and Desert Wheatear. Note that recently Desert Warblers have been split into Asian and African Desert Warblers. Only Asian Desert Warbler is known to visit Cyprus and can be distinguished by their dark central streaks to their tertial and central tail feathers.

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### **BEST BIRDING MOMENTS OF 2013**

Several BirdLife Cyprus members sent in their best birding moments of the last year which are published below.

#### **BLUETHROAT AT EVRETOU – Ray Atkinson**

This year my best birdwatching moment was once again at Evretou, at the shallow end where the water flows in. It was Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, and I had gone for a last look before I was due to fly back to UK the next day. I'd already had a good afternoon for raptors, with Bonelli's Eagle, Long-legged Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel and Peregrine Falcon all being seen. The Pied Kingfisher was still present, and several Crag Martin had come down to escape the bad weather in the hills.

As usual I had my camera, and was rather pleased to find a male Sardinian Warbler out in the open, about 5m in front of me. It seemed unconcerned with my presence, and I was snapping away when I suddenly thought the moment was spoilt. A small brown bird dropped down next to it, and sent it scurrying for cover. I cursed the 'Black Redstart' that had ruined my moment – until it turned to face me. A stunning male Bluethroat was looking at me! It hopped about just in front of me, posing for the camera as I snapped away, and I got some fantastic shots of it. I'd only seen this species fleetingly before, usually keeping itself well hidden in the scrub. To find one out in the open in this way was probably my best birdwatching moment of 2013.

*Two of the photographs that Ray took of the Bluethroat at Evretou.*



#### **OSPREY AT AKHNA DAM – Martin Hellicar**

My best birding moment of 2013 was a splendid Osprey over Akhna Dam on the morning of October 12th – I had not seen one in Cyprus for years and even managed to 'capture' this one in the 'scope. Sadly, the Osprey disappeared a few minutes before our guests from the German BirdLife partner, NABU, turned up for our appointment at the dam...no sense of timing, these birds! But a couple of Spoonbills a bit later on more than made up for that 'miss'!

#### **EURASIAN JAYS AT ANOgyRA AND SOUNI – June Neal**

When birdwatching around Anogyra with Nick Pollard on the morning of 25 October we were amazed to first hear, then see, at least 7 Eurasian Jays - *Garrulus glandarius*. These were presumed to be feeding on acorns in the Golden Oak trees in a steep-sided valley to the NW of the village.

The calling birds were deep in the foliage of the trees and it took some time to see them clearly and only when they began to move from one tree to another. As we approached the birds moved up the hillside, landing again and calling. We wondered if the birds had moved down from Troodos in search of food or whether they were all youngsters, pushed out of their normal territory by adult birds.

After this exciting sight I was fortunate enough to witness a similar influx of this species on 2 of my morning walks in Souni, the first on 29 October when only one bird was seen (although when it flew I am sure I heard more than one calling bird) and the second sighting was on 6 December - of 4 birds. Again, these Jays were in/around Golden Oak trees on the higher hillside but between the stands of pine.

It was especially interesting to read Jane Stylianou's report of Jays outside their normal range in the November 2013 Monthly Checklist and Society News.

### **BLUE-CHEEKED BEE-EATERS AT LOWER XEROS POTAMOS – Dave and Jan Walker**



We received one of Colin Richardson's bird reports on the late afternoon of 16 March 2013. There had been a report of 21 Blue Cheeked Bee -eaters at Lower Xeros Potamos and Desalination Plant from Colin himself for that day, usually these are only reported in low numbers of one's and two's. We normally do not have much luck going out to see previously reported birds, but as this was a bird we had not seen before and was quite local we decided to have a look on the 17 March.

Looking at our records we did not rush as it appears we visited the Lower Ezousas Valley, Paphos Sewage Works, Mandria and Kouklia Fish Farm before arriving at the Lower Xeros around 12.15pm! We were amazed to still find 16 of these beautiful birds still present. We stayed there a good one and a half hours watching and photographing the Bee-eaters feeding. Let's hope 2014 will bring us some equally impressive sightings.

*Above is one of the photographs that Dave took of the Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters in March 2013*

### **A BRAMBLING AT TROODOS – Patricia Stavrou**

I had a few excellent birding moments during 2013. I was lucky enough to be at Akrotiri on two of the days when there was a huge passage of raptors. Doreen and I spent at least four hours on both occasions watching the continuous movement of raptors, some, like Honey Buzzards in their thousands and Red-footed Falcon over one hundred. During the two days we saw twenty species of raptor - 4 eagle sp, 4 buzzard sp, 5 falcon sp, 3 harrier sp, a Griffon Vulture, a Sparrowhawk, many Black Kite and an Osprey - which was absolutely fantastic. Doreen was getting so excited saying 'what is this, what is that Patricia, look there are more up there!!' There were so many raptors that I just didn't know where to look; it was impossible for me to recognise them all before they rose into the thermals. A fantastic experience!

But I think my best birding moment of 2013 was in Troodos on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Doreen and I were driving slowly down the track at Livadi Tou Pasha, where there was a huge flock of over a hundred finches. Probably about 80% were Chaffinch, many Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Serin and I had lovely views of about ten Siskin. As they flew down the valley, I followed them slowly in the car until they all perched in one huge tree. Then I saw a white rump fly into the thicket, I kept my binoculars on the spot until a beautiful male Brambling came out and perched just in front of us. It was so wonderful because I had never seen a Brambling after years of searching. There were none in the south of England when I was young; a Greek bird book says that one in every ten Chaffinch in winter is a Brambling!! For years, in winter, in Greece I checked large flocks of finches with no luck. This is why I was so excited to see a beautiful male Brambling for the first time in March 2013.

### **HAWFINCHES IN ARMOU VILLAGE – Jane Stylianou**

On February 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 I think I already knew that I was probably watching my Cyprus birding highlight for 2013. I was standing in Armou village outside Paphos watching a flock of around twenty Hawfinches fly around the area, occasionally landing on the tree tops so that those of us on the BirdLife Cyprus fieldtrip could admire them. What a great sight of a really impressive bird. It was a good winter for Hawfinches in Cyprus last year and I had been determined to visit Armou to catch up with the flock that had been reported by local birders there. I had seen one in Troodos a few years previously and prior to that I had only seen one other – a shot one seen in 1986 outside Macherais Monastery on one of the mobile raffle stores there.

The thrill of seeing so many of them and so clearly remained all year. Although it was probably surpassed by that of seeing the Little Bustard early in December, the subsequent shooting of that bird tainted the joy experienced when watching it.

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## THE BIRDS OF THE AMATHUS HILLS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Jane Stylianou



Situated just off the motorway before you reach Limassol (if approaching from the east) the Amathus Archaeological site and the hills behind it are one of the less well known areas for birdwatching on the island. Both the ruins of the site itself with their scattered rocks and masonry and the surrounding hillside with its scrub vegetation and rocks are however worth exploring and if you don't want to pay the entrance to the site itself most of it can be viewed from the hills above.

The area is a reliable location for Cyprus Warbler throughout the year but they are especially visible during the next few months when males sit atop juniper and other bushes singing and proclaiming their territories. In the winter Western Black Redstart, White Wagtail, flocks of Serin, Linnet, Meadow Pipit, Spanish Sparrow and sometimes Eurasian Skylark and Woodlark can be found flying around the ruins and occasionally a Blue Rock Thrush will be on the rocks. Chukar have been seen picking their way around the area and last January I watched a Eurasian Sparrowhawk hunting over the area and then perching in a tree near the boundary fence to enable it to keep an eye on the smaller birds.

Walking up the slopes not only gives a panoramic view towards Limassol but also the chance to see more birds. Here is more reliable for Blue Rock Thrush than the ruins themselves where the birds can occasionally be disturbed by visitors. Common and Long-legged Buzzard sometimes hunt over the area and there is at least one resident Little Owl. Singing Corn Bunting can be heard in early spring and wintering thrush species can be found. A Mistle Thrush was found there in March 2013.



Photographs: Top – Cyprus Warbler by Dave Nye. Left – Hooded Wheatear at Amathus March 2011 by Rajja Howard. Above – Cretzschmar's Bunting by Alison McArthur

As spring approaches and migrants turn up on the island, the area is especially good for early reports of Isabelline, Northern and Cyprus Wheatear as they arrive from the south. Careful

searching of the area produced a Desert Wheatear in March 2011 but more notable were the Hooded Wheatear found there. A male was present on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and a female on the same date in 2005. In 2011 the site was well watched at the end of March by birders trying to relocate the Hooded Wheatear. They found seven Hoopoe and a Semi-collared Flycatcher on 31<sup>st</sup> March. A Wryneck and several Cretzschmar's Bunting were seen there in mid- March of that year. In April 2013 a male Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush was found on the hillside. Later in the year there are occasional reports of Nightjar in the area. It seems likely that more visits to Amathus from now into spring could produce even more records of interesting species there.

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## LOOKING BACK AT FEBRUARY 2011

*Jane Stylianou*

*A look at the birds that were seen on Cyprus this time of year in the past. This month featuring February 2012.*

February is usually a quiet month for birdwatching with a lull before the rush of spring migration. February 2011 produced a few more interesting birds than usual, especially at Troodos. Two **Brambling** were seen there on 10<sup>th</sup> February near the Weather Station and on 12<sup>th</sup> two **Yellowhammer** were on the Kannoures Trail with another three near the Environment Centre on 16<sup>th</sup>.

Visitors to Germasogeia Dam were able to see a **Pied Kingfisher** which was present all month as well as **Crag Martin** – a maximum of ten were there at the start of the month falling to just two on 26<sup>th</sup>. Up to thirteen Crag Martin were at Evretou Dam on February 1<sup>st</sup>. **Rock Sparrow** were seen at Marathounta Hills on several dates throughout the month with thirty there on 6<sup>th</sup>. As for winter thrushes, there were seven **Fieldfare** at Pano Arodes at the start of the month.

The month's most notable rarity was a **Mourning Wheatear** which was found in the Diarizos Valley on 14<sup>th</sup> and was the third record for the island. A male **Desert Wheatear** that had been at Cape Greco since January was last seen there on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next day a **Siberian Stonechat** was found at Pegeia and the same day a group of seventeen **Greater Sand Plover** were at Agia Thekla. Gull enthusiasts found an immature **Common Gull** at Larnaca Sewage Works on 4<sup>th</sup>. Another Common Gull was on Larnaca seafront on 18<sup>th</sup> with two on the nearby Salt Lake on 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## **SIGHTING RECORDS FOR 2013**

Jane Stylianou

Don't forget to send all your 2013 sightings in to the Recorder if you haven't already done so. They can be sent either via the Cyprica database [www.worldbirds.org](http://www.worldbirds.org) or on the excel form which you can either download from the BirdLife Cyprus website or the Recorder can send to you. Email lists are acceptable if you are not comfortable with either of those two methods. For those without access to the internet please send your list via post to the address below.

So that the 2013 database can be completed it would be appreciated if they are received by February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to meet that deadline but still have 2013 records to submit please let the Recorder know.

Make your birdwatching count and ensure that your sightings are included in the 2013 country database. Please note that the only way for your records to be included in the database is to ensure that the Recorder receives them. Unfortunately she is unable to include those only noted on various social media sites, 'round-robin' emails, "BirdLine" etc.

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## **SYSTEMATIC LIST FOR DECEMBER 2013**

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2965 bird records received

176 species and forms recorded in December 2013, compared to 173 in December 2012  
[Please note, the list is edited and contains records that have not been corrected or corroborated]

### **LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Νεροβούτιης

Largest counts per location:

Agia Napa Sewage Works c30 22-Dec

ME

Agios Sozomenos 7 31-Dec FGe

Akhna Dam 8 23-Dec FGe

Asprokremmos Dam 1 24-Dec CR

Athalassa Dam 12 3-Dec FGe

Evretou Dam 2 18-Dec DJW

Fresh Water Lake South 3 10-Dec ME

Kannaviou Dam 15 18-Dec DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works 139 16-Dec JS

Manglis Dam 3 19-Dec JS

Mavrokolymbos Dam 3 19-Dec DJW

Minthis Hills GC 22 in irrigation tank 30-Dec CR

Paralimni Lake 8 30-Dec AKe

Partenitis Dam c4 14-Dec SC

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 13-Dec CR

Zakaki Marsh 1 26-Dec CR

### **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*cristatus* Σκουφοβούτιης

Asprokremmos Dam 4 24-Dec CR

Asprokremmos Dam 3 30-Dec ME

### **BLACK-NECKED GREBE** *Podiceps*

*nigricollis* Μαυροβούτιης

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 4 & 31-Dec

ME/FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 14, 21 & 23-

Dec SC/FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 12 16-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 11 21 & 29-Dec

ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 27-Dec SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 13 30-Dec ME

### **GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax*

*carbo* Κορμυρόνος

Largest counts per location:

Agia Thekla Area 1 19-Dec AKe

Akhna Dam 8 23 & 28-Dec ME/BB  
 Asprokremmos Dam 82 24-Dec CR  
 Athalassa Dam 45 3-Dec FGe  
 Evretou Dam 3 18-Dec DJW  
 Fresh Water Lake South 15 20-Dec ME  
 Kermia Beach 1 22-Dec AKe  
 Larnaca Marina 2 23-Dec FGe  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 8 21-Dec ME  
 Limassol Seafront 1 on rocks near  
 Harbour 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
 Mandria 2 W to E 4-Dec JN  
 Paphos Headland 1 30-Dec DJW  
 Phinikas 46 7-Dec DJW  
 Potamos Liopetri 4 12-Dec AKe  
 Spiros Coast 3 14-Dec SC with F  
 Georgiades  
 Spiros Beach 1 27-Dec SC

**EUROPEAN SHAG** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* Θαλασσοκόρακας  
 Clapsides Beach 1 10-Dec ME  
 Dhekelia Power Station 13 8-Dec ME  
 Dhekelia Power Station c30 14-Dec BB  
 Dhekelia Power Station 2 22-Dec BB  
 Kensington Cliffs 1 W to E, quite high 10-Dec JN  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 on rocks and in sea 10-Dec JN  
 Kensington Cliffs 3 2ads,1juv 26-Dec CR  
 Potamos Liopetri 1 22-Dec BB  
 Spiro's Pool and Beach 4 16-Dec JS  
 Spiro's Beach 1 30-Dec ME

**GREAT WHITE PELICAN** *Pelecanus onocrotalus* Ροδοπτελεκάνος  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 4 adult, 1 subadult 14-Dec SC  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 3 14-Dec PS

**EURASIAN BITTERN** *Botaurus stellaris*  
 Βουρωδιός



*Eurasian Bittern, Phassouri Reed Beds, 31<sup>st</sup> December. Photograph by Rajja Howard*

Finikaria-Germasogeia Dam 1 31-Dec KH  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 24, 30 & 31-Dec KH/JS

**LITTLE BITTERN** *Ixobrychus minutus*  
 Νανορωδιός  
 Athalassa Park 1 9 & 15-Dec FGe  
 Athalassa Duck Pond 1 male 15-Dec SC with A Kirschel

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**  
 Athalassa Dam 5 3-Dec FGe  
 Fresh Water Lake South 4 2 Adults / 2 1 CY 10-Dec ME  
 Fresh Water Lake South 2 Adults 20-Dec ME

**CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus ibis* Γελαδάρης  
 Largest counts per location:  
 Akhna Dam 22 1-Dec ME  
 Aradippou Slurry Pits c15 14-Dec SC  
 Fresh Water Lake South 304 10-Dec ME  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 5 1, 2 & 5-Dec LAC/CR  
 Partenitis Dam c30 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 6 13 & 14-Dec CR/JN  
 Pyla 1 25-Dec BB

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta* Χιονάτη  
 Agia Thekla Area 1 19 & 24-Dec AKe  
 Akhna Dam 1 14-Dec BB  
 Athalassa Dam 4 3-Dec FGe  
 Clapsides Beach 1 10 & 20-Dec ME  
 Dhekelia Power Station 1 29-Dec ME  
 Paphos Headland 2 28-Dec DJW  
 Potamos Liopetri 1 12-Dec AKe  
 Spiro's Pool and Beach 1 On beach 16-Dec JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 5 26-Dec CR  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 28-Dec SC with F Georgiades & M Konis

**GREAT EGRET** *Ardea alba* Χανούμισσα  
 Akhna Dam 1 1, 2 & 10-Dec AKe/RAT  
 Akhna Dam 3 16, 18, 19 & 27-Dec AKe/ME  
 Akhna Dam 4 21, 23 & 26-Dec ME/AKe  
 Akhna Dam 2 27-Dec SC  
 Akhna Dam 5 28 & 31-Dec BB/ME  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 14-Dec JN  
 Athalassa Dam 1 3-Dec FGe  
 Fresh Water Lake South 1 10-Dec ME  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea* Ψαροφός



Grey Heron, Mandria, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Dave Walker.

Largest counts per location:

Agia Trias (Paralimni) 1 22-Dec AKe  
Akhna Dam 15 28-Dec BB  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 128 13-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 7 & 24-Dec CR  
Athalassa Dam 7 3-Dec FGe  
Clapsides Beach 3 20-Dec ME  
Evretou Dam 1 9, 15 & 18-Dec RAT/DJW  
Fresh Water Lake South 5 10-Dec ME  
Kannaviou Dam 1 18-Dec DJW  
Mandria 1 14-Dec DJW  
Phinikas 2 7-Dec DJW  
Zakaki Marsh c70 28-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades & M Konis

**WHITE STORK** *Ciconia ciconia*

Ασπροπελαργός

Akrotiri Salt Lake 4 14-Dec TRE

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea*

*leucorodia* Κουταλάς

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 3-Nov CR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 seen later at Zakaki  
Marsh 17-Nov CR/WAS  
Fresh Water Lake South 1 Broken Leg 1  
& 15-Nov ME  
Zakaki Marsh 1 3 & 11-Nov CR/ADT  
Zakaki Marsh 2 4-Nov TRE  
Zakaki Reedbeds 3 9, 17 & 24-Nov  
ADT/CR/WAS  
Zakaki Reedbeds 1 11-Nov ADT

**GREATER FLAMINGO** *Phoenicopterus*

*roseus* Φλαμίνγκο

Akrotiri Salt Lake 11000 13-Dec CR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 9000+ 14-Dec JN  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c4,000 21-Dec SC with  
M Konis  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 10,000+ possibly up to  
12,000 26-Dec CR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c5,000 28-Dec SC with  
F Georgiades & M Konis  
Akrotiri Salt Lake c8000 31-Dec JS

Clapsides Beach 1 23-Dec ME  
Lady's Mile Marshes 1 28-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades & M Konis  
Larnaca Airport Pools North c6 14-Dec  
SC with F Georgiades  
Larnaca Airport Pools North c30 31-Dec  
FGe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 22 22-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 adult 27-Dec SC  
Larnaca Salt Lake 68 29-Dec ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake c200 30-Dec ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake c150 31-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 1 & 16-Dec  
RAT/JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 Imms 4-Dec  
ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works c4 14-Dec SC  
with F Georgiades  
Larnaca Sewage Pools 2 21-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 8 7 Adults 1 Imm  
21-Dec ME  
Larnaca Sewage Pools 6 23-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 1 juvenile 27-Dec  
SC  
Oroklini Marsh 12 2 imm 21-Dec ME

**GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**

*Anser albifrons* Αρκόσιγνα



Greater White-fronted Goose and a Greylag  
Goose at Larnaca Sewage Works, 27<sup>th</sup>  
December. Photograph by Stavros  
Christodoulides.

Larnaca Sewage Works 5 1-Dec RAT  
Larnaca Sewage Works 12 4-Dec ME  
Larnaca Sewage Works 13 14, 16, 21, 23,  
24, 25, 27 & 30-Dec  
SC/JS/FGe/ME/KH/MH/PS/CS

**GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

Σπιτόσιγνα

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 19, 21, 23, 24,  
25, 27 & 30-Dec  
PS/FGe/KH/MH/CS/SC/ME  
(First record since 2005)

**RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*

Καστανόπαπια

Agios Sozomenos 7 Photographed flying over Vathi Gonia Water Treatment Plant 27-Dec GKo

Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 at west end, near masts standing on salt flats 13-Dec CR

Larnaca Sewage Works 40 14-Dec PS

Larnaca Sewage Pools 1 21 & 23-Dec FGe/ME/KH/MH

Larnaca Sewage Works 8 24-Dec PS/CS Meneou Pools 40 flew over road between the two Pools, then flew to Larnaca Sewage Works where they circled but then moved on 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

Phassouri Reed Beds 30 flew over heading east 13-Dec CR

**COMMON SHELDUCK** *Tadorna tadorna*

Αλάουτρος

Largest counts per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 218 14-Dec JN

Bishop's Pool 5 30-Dec ME

Lady's Mile Marshes c10 28-Dec SC with F Georgiades & M Konis

Larnaca Airport Pools North 24 31-Dec FGe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 6 15-Dec FGe

Larnaca Salt Lake c500 30-Dec ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 76 4-Dec ME

Meneou Pool 5 16-Dec JS

Oroklini Marsh 8 31-Dec RM

Silver Beach 4 27-Dec ME

Yeri Fields 1 female 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

Zakaki Marsh 12 flying over 13-Dec CR

**EURASIAN WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Αρμπασίσις

Akhna Dam 4 13, 21 & 27-Dec AKe/ME

Akhna Dam 2 Pair 19-Dec ME

Clapsides Beach 3 27-Dec ME

Evretou Dam 3 fem 18-Dec DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works 6 21-Dec ME

Silver Beach 1 Drake 20-Dec ME

**GADWALL** *Anas strepera* Κανναούρα

Akhna Dam 1 14, 18, 23 & 28-Dec

BB/AKe/ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 4 & 23-Dec ME/KH/MH

Larnaca Sewage Works c5 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21 & 25-Dec ME

**EURASIAN TEAL** *Anas crecca* Σαρσέλλι

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 50 31-Dec JS

Larnaca Salt Lake North c60 21-Dec ME

Larnaca Sewage Works 723 16-Dec JS

Paphos Headland 51 Flying North 12-Dec DJW

Paralimni Lake 100 12-Dec AKe

Petounta Point 70 21-Dec FGe

Phassouri Reed Beds 90 13-Dec CR

**MALLARD** *Anas platyrhynchos*

Πρασινοτζέφαλη

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam c80 4-Dec ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 40 13-Dec CR

Athalassa Dam 16 3-Dec FGe

Evretou Dam 13 6 m, 7f 18-Dec DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works c300 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

Phassouri Reed Beds 32 13-Dec CR

**NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

Σουβλονούρα

Akhna Dam 1 Fem 21-Dec ME

Larnaca Airport Pools North 4 31-Dec

FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 16 & 21-Dec JS/FGe

Larnaca Sewage Pools 4 31-Dec FGe

Oroklini 3 incl one male 1-Dec RAT

Oroklini Marsh 7 23-Dec BB

Zakaki Marsh 2 Drakes 30-Dec ME

**NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

Σαξάνα

Largest counts:

Agia Eirini Dam c2000 4-Dec ME

Akrotiri Salt Lake 30 31-Dec JS

Larnaca Airport Pools North c80 31-Dec FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1330 16-Dec JS

**RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*

Κοτσινοτζέφαλη

Larnaca Sewage Works 3 23-Dec KH/MH

**COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

Κοντούρα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 2 males, 1 female 14-Dec JN

Bishop's Pool 1 Female 30-Dec ME

Neapolis Pond 14 23-Dec ME

**FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*  
Βαλτόπαπια  
Bishop's Pool 11 16-Dec KH  
Bishop's Pool 3 Drakes 30-Dec ME  
Kannaviou Dam 2 m/f 18-Dec DJW

**TUFTED DUCK** *Aythya fuligula*  
Ππισκουτούρα  
Bishop's Pool 1 29-Dec MKO

*Duck spp* Dhekelia Power Station c40  
Flying offshore heading east 14-Dec BB

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans* Γυπογεράκα  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 north trees 13-Dec  
CR  
Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 1 this bird might  
have been photographed later, as Booted  
Eagle?? 2-Dec CR  
Phinikas 1 male 7-Dec DJW

**EURASIAN GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps*  
*fulvus* Γύπας  
Kensington Cliffs 6 10, 21 & 26-Dec  
JN/KH/CR  
Kensington Cliffs 4 30-Dec ME  
Mousere, Paphos 5 6 sightings 17-Dec  
DJW  
Tunnel Beach Episkopi 8 17-Dec ADT

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus*  
*aeruginosus* Βαλτοσιάχινο  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits c3 28-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades & M Konis  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 5 31-Dec JS  
Larnaca Salt Lake North 3 21-Dec ME  
Phassouri Reed Beds 5 31-Dec JS

**HEN HARRIER** *Circus cyaneus*  
Ορνιθοσιάχινο



Hen Harrier, Mandria, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph  
by Dave Walker.

Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 2 1 & 5-Dec ME/AKE  
Akrotiri 2 10-Dec JE

Lady's Mile 2 5 & 19-Dec JE  
Larnaca Salt Lake 2 Ringtail and adult  
male 14-Dec FGe  
Mandria Beach 2 male and female 8-Dec  
LAC/DJW  
Spiros Pool 2 ringtails 31-Dec FGe

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter*  
*nisus* Τζικλοσιάχινο  
Akhna Dam 1 23-Dec FGe/ME  
Diarizos Valley, Big Boulder 1 7-Dec CR  
Evretou 1 male 15-Dec RAT  
Finikaria-Germasogeia Dam 1 26 & 28-  
Dec ADT/KH  
Kensington Cliffs 1 30-Dec ME  
Korfi 1 Near vulture cage 31-Dec NK  
Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 1 9-Dec CR  
Mandria 1 8 & 19-Dec DJW/CR  
Neapolis Pond 1 23-Dec ME  
Paphos Lighthouse 1 17-Dec CR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 9-Dec CR  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 30 & 31-Dec  
KH/JS

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*  
Ποντικοσιάχινο  
Largest counts:  
Akrotiri Peninsula 12 21-Dec SC  
Asprokremmos Dam 3 near dam wall 19-  
Dec CR  
Kensington Cliffs 5 One light 21-Dec KH  
Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 3 9-Dec CR  
Phassouri Reed Beds 7 31-Dec JS

**LONG-LEGGED BUZZARD** *Buteo rufinus*  
Σιαχινολάγουδο  
Largest counts:  
Agios Ioannis 2 10-Dec DJW  
Diarizos Valley, Kidasi 3 7-Dec CR  
Goudhi 3 12-Dec RAT  
Kannaviou Dam 4 18-Dec DJW  
Kathikas 2 18-Dec DJW  
Kato Akourdaleia 2 18-Dec DJW  
Kensington Cliffs 2 26 & 30-Dec ME/CR  
Kouklia Soakaways 2 1 carrying prey, a rat  
19-Dec CR  
Mandria 2 14-Dec DJW  
Tsada 2 18-Dec CR

*Buzzard spp* -  
Mandria 1 on wires over fields 4-Dec JN

**LESSER SPOTTED EAGLE** *Aquila*  
*romarina* Φλυαρογεράκα  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 2 & 14-Dec  
KPr/JN

**BONELLI'S EAGLE** *Aquila fasciatus*  
Περπηκοιάχινο  
Agia Varvara 1 immature 1-Dec DJW  
Akhna Dam 1 juvenile 26-Dec AKE  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 10-Dec TR  
Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake 1 juvenile 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
Arodhes 2 adult pair 18-Dec DJW  
Asprokremmos Dam 1 imm 24-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 3 1 adult and 2 juvenile 25-Dec KH  
Asprokremmos Dam 2 30-Dec ME  
Avagas Gorge 1 immature 26-Dec DJW  
Episkopi, Paphos 1 adult 7-Dec DJW  
Evretou 1 15-Dec RAT  
Goudhi 2 1ad, 1juv circling above the house 9-Dec RAT  
Kamares (Tala) 1 adult 27-Dec DJW  
Kathikas 1 18-Dec DJW  
Kensington Cliffs 1 Juvenile 21-Dec KH  
Moussere, Paphos 2 adult pr 17-Dec DJW  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 2 & 17-Dec KPr/KH

**LESSER KESTREL** *Falco naumanni*  
Κιρκινέζι  
Mandria Village 5 4-Dec LAC Confirmed by observer. Field notes required for this late observation.

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*  
Κίτρος  
Largest counts:  
Agios Sozomenos 4 29-Dec FGe  
Akrotiri Peninsula c5 28-Dec SC with F Georgiades & M Konis  
Anthoupolis 4 24-Dec FGe  
Armou 8 incl. 5 hunting together 22-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 4 25-Dec CR  
Larnaca Salt Lake 4 14-Dec FGe  
Mandria 4 24-Dec CR

**MERLIN** *Falco columbarius* Νανοφάλοκο  
Kensington Cliffs 1 male, seen twice along cliff top 10-Dec JN

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*  
Τζάνος  
Agios Ioannis, Limassol 1 10-Dec DJW  
Evretou 1 15-Dec RAT  
Geri 1 24-Dec KTz  
Kensington Cliffs 1 21-Dec KH  
Kensington Cliffs 2 26-Dec CR  
Larnaca Airport Fields 1 Male 4-Dec ME

Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 1 9-Dec CR  
Mandria Village 1 4-Dec LAC  
Mandria 1 14-Dec DJW  
Nicosia 1 along Ledra street at @ 50m height 18-Dec MH  
Oroklini Marsh 1 Male 21-Dec ME  
Palaioметоcho 1 24-Dec FGe  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 9-Dec CR

**CHUKAR** *Alectoris chukar* Περδίκι  
Largest counts:  
Armou 15 3-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 12 24-Dec CR  
Mandria Beach 11 2-Dec LAC  
Souni 10 9 seen, 1 covey heard 6-Dec JN  
Spiros Fields c10 27-Dec SC

**BLACK FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus francolinus* Φραγκολίνα  
Akhna Dam 1 Male 3 & 14-Dec ME/BB  
Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake 1 28-Dec SC with F Georgiades & M Konis  
Armou 1 calling, unseasonal 3-Dec CR  
Geri 1 7-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 16-Dec JS  
Larnaca Sewage Works area c6 14 & 27-Dec SC/FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works 3 2 Fem / 1 Male 21-Dec ME  
Mandria 1 m 11 & 29-Dec CR  
Mandria 2 m,f 31-Dec CR  
Palaioметоcho 1 24-Dec FGe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
Xylytymbou 1 Male 21-Dec ME

**WATER RAIL** *Rallus aquaticus*  
Μαυροπουλλάδα  
Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake 1 adult 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
Bishop's Pool 1 Heard 30-Dec ME  
Germasogeia Dam 1 2-Dec KPr  
Partenitis Dam 1 adult 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades  
Petounta Point 2 16 & 22-Dec JS/FGe  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 14-Dec JN  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 26-Dec CR

**LITTLE CRAKE** *Porzana parva*  
Μικροπουλλάδα  
Germasogeia Dam 1 2-Dec KPr  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 very probable, seen briefly in flight and close, disappeared into new reed growth 14-Dec JN

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Αρκοπτείναιορο

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 10 5-Dec AKe

Athalassa Dam 10 3-Dec FGe

Athalassa Duck Pond c8 15-Dec SC with  
A Kirschel

Paralimni Lake 5 3 &amp; 16-Dec AKe

Partenitis Dam c15 14-Dec SC

Petounta Point 6 22-Dec FGe

Phassouri Reed Beds 6 13-Dec CR

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra* Καραπατάς

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 266 28-Dec BB

Evretou Dam 61 18-Dec DJW

Kannaviou Dam 135 18-Dec DJW

Larnaca Sewage Works 183 16-Dec JS

**COMMON CRANE** *Grus grus* Γερανός

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 10 &amp; 13-Dec TRe

**LITTLE BUSTARD** *Tetrax tetrax*

Νανόγαλος



Little Bustard, Geri, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Photograph by John East

Geri 1 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 &amp; 15-Dec

GKo/FGe/JS/ME/CR/SC/PS/CS/JE/AKi/ASt

(Last seen 15<sup>th</sup> December, presumed shot  
see Monthly Checklist December 2013)**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus**himantopus* Καλαμοκαννάς

Akhna Dam 1 27-Dec SC

Athalassa Dam 3 3-Dec FGe

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1 & 27-Dec  
RA/SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 2 29-Dec ME

**EURASIAN STONE-CURLEW** *Burhinus**oediconemus* Τρουλλουριόδα

Acheleia Bridge 13 14-Dec DJW

Agios Sozomenos 1 29-Dec FGe

Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 Heard 10-Dec ME

Dhekelia Army Camp 29 14-Dec BB

Dhekelia Army Camp 53 22-Dec BB

Dhekelia Fire Station 10 1-Dec ME

Dhekelia Fire Station 26 29-Dec ME

Larnaca Airport Pools South 11 16-Dec  
JS**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius**dubius* Λιμνοπλουμιόδι

Akhna Dam 2 5-Dec AKe

Partenitis Dam 6 7-Dec FGe

**COMMON RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius**hiaticula* Αμμοπλουμιόδι

Aradippou Slurry Pits 3 14-Dec SC

Larnaca Airport Beach 1 same bird as

Spiros Beach 27-Dec SC

Larnaca Airport Fields 11 25-Dec ME

Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 21-Dec ME

Spiro's Beach 1 Adult 4-Dec ME

Spiro's Beach 1 21-Dec ME

Spiros Beach 1 27-Dec SC

Zakaki Marsh 1 26-Dec CR

**KENTISH PLOVER** *Charadrius**alexandrinus* Πλουμιόδι

Agia Thekla Area 15 3-Dec AKe

Agia Thekla Area 10 7 &amp; 19-Dec AKe

Agia Thekla 11 22-Dec ME

Agia Thekla Area 14 24-Dec AKe

Agia Thekla Area 5 27-Dec AKe

Agia Trias (Paralimni) 1 22-Dec AKe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 20 13-Dec CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 26-Dec CR

Akrotiri Salt Lake 50+ 31-Dec JS

Kermia Beach 1 22-Dec AKe

Larnaca Salt Lake 54 16-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works Present 1-Dec  
RA

Meneou Pool 8 16-Dec JS

Paralimni Lake 30 12-Dec AKe

Spiros Beach 4 4-Dec ME

**GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius**ieschenaultii* Βραχοπλουμιόδι

Agia Thekla Area 1 3 &amp; 19-Dec AKe

Agia Thekla 2 22-Dec ME

Agia Trias (Paralimni) 1 17-Dec AKe

Agia Trias (Paralimni) 3 22-Dec AKe

Kermia Beach 2 27-Dec AKe

Macronissos Beach 1 22-Dec BB

Paphos Headland 4 5-Dec RA

Paphos Lighthouse 3 17-Dec CR

Paphos Headland 2 25-Dec KH

Paphos Headland 1 28-Dec DJW

**EURASIAN GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis**apricaria* Χρυσόπλουμιδί

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 8 1-Dec AKe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 80 26 &amp; 31-Dec CR/JS

Gerí 10 4-Dec JS

Kouklia Reservoir 12 23-Dec ME

Larnaca Airport Pool South c300 30-Dec ME

Mandria 82 19-Dec CR

Mazotos 21 in cultivated field with the

Lapwings 21-Dec FGe

Paphos Headland 98 30-Dec DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 flying high 29-Dec CR

Paralimni Lake 1 16-Dec AKe

Silver Beach 27 27-Dec ME

Spiro's Pool 224 25-Dec ME

**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Στακτοπλουμιδί

Agia Trias (Paralimni) 4 17-Dec AKe

Clapsides Beach 4 10-Dec ME

Clapsides Beach 1 20 &amp; 23-Dec ME

Kermia Beach 1 7 &amp; 27-Dec AKe

Kermia Beach 2 17-Dec AKe

Mandria 1 31-Dec CR

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 heard call and saw pale grey bird with wing bars and white rump 13-Dec CR

Spiros Beach 1 21-Dec ME

Spiros Pool 1 in large flock of Golden

Plovers 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

**SPUR-WINGED LAPWING** *Vanellus**spinus* Πελλοκατερίνα

Agios Sozomenos 2 29-Dec FGe

Akhna Dam 18 1-Dec ME

Akhna Dam c40 3-Dec ME

Akhna Dam 20 5-Dec AKe

Akhna Dam 1 19, 23 &amp; 27-Dec

ME/AKe/SC

Akhna Dam 12 27-Dec ME

Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 3 21-Dec ME

Neapolis Pond 15 20-Dec ME

Neapolis Pond 14 23-Dec ME

Oroklini 54 1-Dec RAt

Palaiometochos 4 24-Dec FGe

Paphos Sewage Plant 5 1-Dec DJW

Paphos Sewage Plant 7 2 &amp; 16-Dec CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 10 9-Dec CR

Partenitis Dam c25 14-Dec SC

Vrysoulles 7 29-Dec ME

**NORTHERN LAPWING** *Vanellus vanellus*

Γιαννής



*Northern Lapwing, Larnaca Sewage Works area, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.*

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 5 10-Dec AKe

Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 26-Dec CR

Agios Sozomenos 5 31-Dec FGe

Kouklia Reservoir 1 23-Dec ME

Lady's Mile 1 14-Dec TR

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 15-Dec FGe

Larnaca Salt Lake 52 16-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works area c8 14-Dec

SC with F Georgiades

Mandria 22 11-Dec CR

Mazotos 27 in cultivated field with the Golden Plovers 21-Dec FGe

Oroklini Marsh 21 8-Dec ME

Paphos Sewage Plant 48 16-Dec CR

Petounta Point 6 21-Dec FGe

Phassouri Reed Beds 11 13-Dec CR

Potamia 8 21-Dec FGe

Sotira Area 11 12-Dec AKe

Spiros Pool 22 31-Dec FGe

**SANDERLING** *Calidris alba*

Ασπρονεραλλίδι

Lady's Mile 2 14-Dec TR

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 21-Dec ME

**LITTLE STINT** *Calidris minuta*

Νανονεραλλίδι

Max counts per location:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 50 26-Dec CR

Aradippou Slurry Pits 3 14-Dec SC

Lady's Mile 52 31-Dec JS

Larnaca Airport Pools North 7 16-Dec JS

Larnaca Salt Lake 40 16-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works 4 4-Dec ME

Meneou Pool 3 16-Dec JS

Neapolis Pond 10 23-Dec ME

Zakaki Marsh 7 26-Dec CR



**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

Στρουθονεραλλίδι

Akhna Dam 3 14-Dec BB  
 Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 21-Dec ME  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 27-Dec SC  
 Petounta Point 1 16-Dec JS

**DUNLIN** *Calidris alpina* Λασπονεραλλίδι

Max counts per location:

Agia Trias (Paralimni) 1 22-Dec AKe  
 Akhna Dam 1 1 & 3-Dec ME  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 14 13-Dec CR  
 Aradippou Slurry Pits 2 14-Dec SC  
 Agia Thekla 1 22-Dec ME  
 Clapsides Beach 38 10-Dec ME  
 Kermia Beach 1 27-Dec AKe  
 Lady's Mile 16 13-Dec CR  
 Larnaca Airport Pools North c30 31-Dec FGe  
 Larnaca Salt Lake North c200 21-Dec ME  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 21-Dec ME  
 Neapolis Pond c150 20-Dec ME

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax* Μαχητής

Larnaca Sewage Works 1 4-Dec ME  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 5 27-Dec SC  
 Spiros Pool c4 in large flock of Golden Plovers 14-Dec SC

**JACK SNIFE** *Lymnocyrtus minimus*

Μονοπικιάτσονο



Jack Snipe, Finikaria, 28<sup>th</sup> December. Photograph by Rajia Howard.

Akhna Dam 1 14-Dec BB  
 Finikaria 2 28-Dec KH  
 Petounta Point 1 16-Dec JS

**COMMON SNIFE** *Gallinago gallinago*

Πικιατσόνι

Akhna Dam 1 8, 19, 23 & 28-Dec ME/AKe  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 31-Dec JS  
 Evretou Dam 2 9 & 18-Dec RAT/DJW  
 Evretou 1 15-Dec RAT  
 Larnaca Salt Lake North c30 21-Dec ME  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 16-Dec CR  
 Paralimni Lake 1 3-Dec AKe

Partenitis Dam 1 7-Dec FGe  
 Petounta Point 2 21-Dec FGe  
 Petounta Point 4 22-Dec FGe  
 Petounta Point 5 16-Dec JS  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 5, 10 & 26-Dec JE/CR  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 5 13-Dec CR  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 4 in flight 14-Dec JN  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 19 & 31-Dec JE/JS  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 26-Dec CR/SC with F Georgiades & M Konis

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

Θαλασσομπεκιάτσα

Paphos Headland 1 25-Dec KH

**EURASIAN CURLEW** *Numenius arquata*

Νερομπεκιάτσα



Eurasian Curlew, Larnaca Sewage Works, 31<sup>st</sup> December. Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Clapsides Beach 2 10-Dec ME  
 Clapsides Beach 1 23-Dec ME  
 Larnaca Airport Fields 5 30-Dec ME  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 13-Dec CR  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 3 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
 Spiros Beach 7 14 & 27-Dec SC with F Georgiades  
 Spiros Fields 1 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades  
 Spiros Pool 7 31-Dec FGe

**SPOTTED REDSHANK** *Tringa erythropus*

Μαυρονεραλλίδα

Neapolis Pond 1 23-Dec ME

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

Φλυαρονεραλλίδα

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 5 3 & 5-Dec ME/AKe  
 Aradippou Slurry Pits c4 14-Dec SC  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 26-Dec CR  
 Aradippou Slurry Pits c4 14-Dec SC  
 Clapsides Beach 1 10-Dec ME

Kermia Beach 1 27-Dec AKe  
 Lady's Mile 1 5-Dec JE  
 Larnaca Airport Pools North 1 14-Dec SC  
 with F Georgiades  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 4 4-Dec ME  
 Meneou Pool 1 14 & 16-Dec SC with F  
 Georgiades/JS  
 Neapolis Pond 3 20-Dec ME  
 Oroklini 2 1-Dec RAT  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 probably, heard  
 twice 16-Dec CR  
 Partenitis Dam 1 7-Dec FGe  
 Silver Beach 1 20-Dec ME  
 Spiro's Beach 1 21-Dec ME  
 Zakaki Marsh 1 13 & 26-Dec CR

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa  
 nebularia* Στακτονεραλλίδα  
 Akhna Dam 1 1, 3, 10, 14 & 28-Dec  
 ME/AKe/BB

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*  
 Πρασινονεραλλίδα  
 Agios Sozomenos 1 23-Dec FGe  
 Akhna Dam 1 28-Dec AKe  
 Aradippou Slurry Pits 1 14-Dec SC  
 Athalassa Dam 1 3-Dec FGe  
 Bishop's Pool 1 30-Dec ME  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 16-Dec CR  
 Pediaios River, Yiorkio area Nicosia 1 19-  
 Dec FGe

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*  
 Δασονεραλλίδα  
 Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of  
 lake 1 21-Dec SC

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*  
 Μικρονεραλλίδα  
 Agia Thekla Area 1 19, 22 & 27-Dec  
 AKe/ME  
 Evretou Dam 1 15 & 18-Dec RAT/DJW  
 Paphos Headland 1 12, 25 & 30-Dec  
 DJW/KH  
 Petounta Point 1 16-Dec JS  
 Potamos Liopetri 1 12-Dec AKe

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*  
 Βραχονεραλλίδα



*Ruddy Turnstone, Paphos Headland, 30<sup>th</sup>  
 December. Photograph by Dave Walker.*

Paphos Lighthouse 1 17-Dec CR  
 Paphos Headland 5 25-Dec KH  
 Paphos Headland 4 30-Dec DJW

**GREAT BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus  
 ichthyaetus* Αετόγλαρος  
 Kensington Cliffs 1 24-Dec MKo  
 Lady's Mile 1 adult winter 28-Dec  
 SC/FGe/MKo

**MEDITERRANEAN GULL** *Larus  
 melanocephalus* Μαυροκέφαλος Γλάρος  
 Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 1 2 w  
 21-Dec ME  
 Lady's Mile 2+ 1-Dec MKo  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 Adult 4-Dec  
 ME  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 1 w 21 & 23-  
 Dec ME/KH/MH

**COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL** *Larus  
 ridibundus* Χωραφόγλαρος  
 Largest counts:  
 Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front c130  
 21-Dec ME  
 Lady's Mile c1,000+ 28-Dec SC with F  
 Georgiades & M Konis  
 Larnaca Sewage Works c700 4-Dec ME  
 Neapolis Pond c300 23-Dec ME  
 Zakaki Marsh c200 28-Dec SC with F  
 Georgiades & M Konis

**SLENDER-BILLED GULL** *Larus genei*  
 Ροδόγλαρος  
 Lady's Mile 1 adult winter 28-Dec  
 SC/FGe/MKo  
 Larnaca Sewage Works 1 14-Dec SC  
 with F Georgiades

**AUDOUIN'S GULL** *Larus audouinii*  
 Νησόγλαρος  
 Clapsides Beach 2 Adults 23-Dec ME

Kermia Beach 1 7 & 17-Dec AKe  
Kermia Beach 3 Adults 22-Dec ME  
Kermia Beach 2 22-Dec BB  
Potamos Liopetri 4 22-Dec BB

**COMMON GULL** *Larus canus*

Θυελλόγλαρος

Lady's Mile 1 1-Dec MKo

**BALTIC GULL** *Larus fuscus fuscus*

Μελανόγλαρος

Asprokremmos Dam 1 ad 24-Dec CR

**HEUGLIN'S GULL** *Larus fuscus heuglini*

Σιβηρικός Γλάρος

Mandria 1 ad 1-Dec CR

**YELLOW-LEGGED GULL** *Larus*

*michahellis* Χιντιανόγλαρος

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake 200 not sure which race  
13-Dec CR

Asprokremmos Dam 320 24-Dec CR

Mandria 266 probably including many  
cachinnans 24-Dec CR

Marathounta dump 60 flying high away  
from area 24-Dec CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 70 very high, flying  
over 9-Dec CR

**CASPIAN GULL** *Larus cachinnans*

Κασπικός Γλάρος

Max counts per location:

Asprokremmos Dam 1 7-Dec CR

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 1 8 &  
21-Dec ME

Lady's Mile c20 28-Dec SC

Larnaca Salt Lake c12 27-Dec SC

Larnaca Sewage Works 7 Imms 4-Dec  
ME

Mandria 400 1-Dec CR

**ARMENIAN GULL** *Larus armenicus*

Αρμενικός Γλάρος



Armenian Gull, Lady's Mile, 10<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by John East.

Max counts per location:

Clapsides Beach 1 20 & 23-Dec ME

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Adult 10-Dec  
ME

Lady's Mile c60 1 & 28-Dec MKo/FGe

Larnaca Airport Pools South 7 30-Dec ME

Larnaca Sewage Pools 24 23-Dec FGe

Mandria 20 at least, in bay 1-Dec CR

Neapolis Pond 5 20-Dec ME

Oroklini 2 1-Dec RAT

Zakaki Marsh 8 Adult 30-Dec ME

**SANDWICH TERN** *Sterna sandvicensis*

Χειμωνογάρωνο



Sandwich Tern, Lady's Mile, 28<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by Filippos Georgiades.

Agia Thekla 1 22 & 24-Dec ME

Clapsides Beach 1 23-Dec ME

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 3 8-Dec  
ME

Dolphin Rocks Larnaca Sea Front 4 21-  
Dec ME

Lady's Mile 1 13-Dec CR

Lady's Mile 2 26 & 31-Dec CR/JS

Lady's Mile 5+ 28-Dec SC with F

Georgiades & M Konis

Mandria 1 1-Dec DJW

Mandria 3 feeding together 14-Dec DJW

Paphos Headland 1 12-Dec DJW

Spiros Coast 1 fishing 14-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades

Zakaki Marsh 2 30-Dec ME

**ROCK DOVE** *Columba livia* Αρκοπέζουνο

Argaka Area 25 5-Dec AD

Kensington Cliffs 7 10-Dec JN

Kensington Cliffs 3 30-Dec ME

**COMMON WOODPIGEON** *Columba*

*palumbus* Φάσσα

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam c300 26-Dec AKe

Mandria 850 700 flew up over Timi forest  
1-Dec CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 330 9-Dec CR

Phassouri Reed Beds c100 31-Dec JS

Souni 82 in one flock 9-Dec JN

### EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

*Streptopelia decaocto* Φιλικουτούρι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa 10 17-Dec AKe

Agia Thekla Area 15 7-Dec AKe

Akhna Dam 70 28-Dec AKe

Mandria Village 24 21 in one tree, 3 in adjacent tree 4-Dec LAC

### GREAT SPOTTED CUCKOO

*Clamator glandarius* Καλοχρονιά

Argaka Area 1 Observer notes that despite no photo he is still convinced 18-Dec AD (Field notes required for this unseasonal sighting)

### BARN OWL *Tyto alba* Ανθρωποπούλι

Argaka Area 1 Immature 13-Dec AD

Trimiklini 1 found dead on track through orchards. 27-Dec PVH

### LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Κουκουφκιάς

Agios Sozomenos 1 23-Dec FGe

Akhna Dam 1 23-Dec FGe

Anarita Park 1 30-Dec ME

Asprokremnos Dam 1 On post by side of road at dusk 4-Dec RAT

Ay Nik (ESBA) 2 19-Dec ME

Ay Nik (ESBA) 1 31-Dec ME

Gerl 1 4-Dec ME/CR

Gerl Fields 2 10-Dec SC with G

Constantinou

Marathounta Hills 1 5, 7 & 21-Dec

CR/DJW

Souni 2 sat on wires outside our home, one feeding the other: courtship? 5-Dec JN

Souni 1 heard calling, possibly more heard by Chris Neal 8-Dec JN

Souni 1 heard calling briefly 9-Dec JN

Tala 1 1-Dec LAC

Vrysoulles 1 3 & 16-Dec ME/AKe

### LONG-EARED OWL *Asio otus*

Αρκόθουπος

Athalassa Park 12 18-Dec PS

Athalassa Park 16 21-Dec PS (Large numbers. Probably winter roost.)

### COMMON KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Αλκυόνη

Akhna Dam 1 1 & 3-Dec AKe

Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake 1 21-Dec SC with M Konis

Athalassa Park 1 9 & 15-Dec FGe

Athalassa Duck Pond 1+ 15-Dec SC with A Kirschel

Fresh Water Lake South 1 Heard 10-Dec ME

Kannaviou Dam 1 18-Dec DJW

Manglis Dam 1 6-Dec JS

Mavrokolymbos Dam 1 19-Dec DJW

Nicosia, Old University Campus Dam 1

15-Dec SC

Pediaios River, Yiorkio area Nicosia 1 19-Dec FGe

Phassouri 1 5-Dec JE

Zakaki Marsh 1 13 & 26-Dec CR

### PIED KINGFISHER *Ceryle rudis* Κήρυκος

Evretou Dam 1 female 15 & 18-Dec

RAT/DJW

Lady's Mile 1 6-Dec MKo

Zakaki Marsh 1 suddenly appeared out of white-fenced watersump and perched on fence in front of car, with a fish, 3 metres away 13-Dec CR

### EURASIAN WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla*

Θερκοπούλι

Akrotiri 1 By church - perhaps wintering?

19-Dec JE

Larnaca Salt Lake North 1 21-Dec ME

### CALANDRA LARK *Melanocorypha*

*calandra* Μαυροτράσηλος

Acheritou c30 23-Dec ME

Gerl 60 3-Dec FGe

Gerl 70 7 & 8-Dec FGe

Gerl 40 21-Dec FGe

Spiros Fields c5 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades

### CRESTED LARK *Galerida cristata*

Σκορταλλός

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 1 27-Dec SC

Akrotiri Salt Lake 2 13-Dec CR

Argaka Area 2 15-Dec AD

Armou Hills 1 27-Dec CR

Bishop's Pool 9 30-Dec ME

Gerl 25 7-Dec FGe

Kouklia Soakaways 2 31-Dec CR

Lady's Mile 2 28-Dec SC with F

Georgiades & M Konis

Larnaca Airport Pools South c25 approximate number 15-Dec FGe

1-Mar

Larnaca Sewage Works area c30 14-Dec  
SC with F Georgiades  
Mandria 10 24-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 1 14-Dec CR  
Spiros Fields c4 27-Dec SC  
Zakaki Marsh 6 13-Dec CR

**WOODLARK** *Lullula arborea*

Πευκοτρασιήλα

Max counts per location:

Agia Varvara 15 1-Dec DJW  
Akhna Dam 8 28-Dec AKe  
Akrotiri Gravel Pits 7 31-Dec JS  
Anarita Park 9 30-Dec ME  
Armou 29 3-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 35 15-Dec CR  
Arodes 13 6-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 8 car park 7-Dec  
CR  
Astromeritis 8 8-Dec JS  
Avgorou 9 8-Dec ME  
Diarizos Valley 5 in flight 4-Dec JN  
Geri 5 24-Dec KTz  
Kouklia Reservoir 4 23-Dec ME  
Kouklia Soakaways 8 31-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 44 21-Dec CR  
Oroklini 6 1-Dec RAT  
Souni 7 9-Dec JN  
Tsada 4 18-Dec CR

**EURASIAN SKYLARK** *Alauda arvensis*

Τρασιήλα

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam 200 23-Dec AKe  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 9 13-Dec CR  
Arodes 86 6-Dec CR  
Cape Greco 20 7-Dec AKe  
Geri Fields c50 15-Dec SC with A  
Kirschel, F Georgiades & A Stöcker  
Larnaca Airport Pools South c100 15-Dec  
FGe  
Larnaca Sewage Works c50 16-Dec JS  
Latchi 7 14-Dec AD  
Mandria 420 4 flock 1-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 18 14-Dec CR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 4 2-Dec CR  
Petounta Point 12 22-Dec FGe  
Spiros Fields c200 14-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades  
Spiro's Pool and Beach 60+ 16-Dec JS

**EURASIAN CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne*

*rupestris* Βραχοχελιθόνο

Evretou 3 late afternoon, above fields 15-  
Dec RAT

Finikaria 10+ 28-Dec KH

Finikaria 2 31-Dec KH  
Kafizides 8 9-Dec FGe  
Mousere, Paphos 1 17-Dec DJW  
Steni 3 One flying round the rock faces,  
and two further round on Steni to Skoulli  
road 14-Dec RAT

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica* Χελιθόνο

Paphos Sewage Plant 1 high up 9-Dec  
CR

**MEADOW PIPIT** *Anthus pratensis*

Χωραφογαλούδι

Largest counts:

Agia Napa 60 17-Dec AKe  
Akhna Dam c40 23-Dec FGe  
Agios Sozomenos c80 31-Dec FGe  
Larnaca Airport Pools South c50 15-Dec  
FGe  
Mandria Beach c500 3-Dec LAC  
Paphos Sewage Plant 90 29-Dec CR

**RED-THROATED PIPIT** *Anthus cervinus*

Κοτσινιογαλλούδι

Akhna Dam 1 1 & 3-Dec ME  
Akhna Dam 9 23-Dec ME  
Akhna Dam 11 27-Dec ME  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 15-Dec  
FGe  
Mandria 1 heard 1-Dec CR  
Mandria 2 11, 29 & 31-Dec CR  
Mandria 4 24-Dec CR  
Meneou Fields c3 14-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades  
Paphos Sewage Plant 1 29-Dec CR  
Spiros Fields 1 14-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades  
Spiro's Pool and Beach 4 16-Dec JS

**WATER PIPIT** *Anthus spinoletta*

Νερογαλούδι

Max counts per location:

Akhna Dam c30 1-Dec ME  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 11 13-Dec CR  
Larnaca JUMBO Drainage canal 2 21-Dec  
ME  
Larnaca Salt Lake North 2 21-Dec ME  
Mandria 2 1 & 24-Dec CR  
Phassouri Reed Beds c30 Large flock  
flushed 31-Dec JS  
Zakaki Marsh 3 26-Dec CR

**BUFF-BELLIED PIPIT** *Anthus rubescens*

Νεροκελάδα του Ειρηνηικού

Akhna Dam 1 8, 19 & 27-Dec ME

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Ποταμοζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake 2+ 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
 Avagas Gorge 2 26-Dec DJW  
 Bishop's Pool 2 30-Dec ME  
 Diarizos Valley, Big Boulder 2 7-Dec CR  
 Evretou Dam 2 18-Dec DJW  
 Fresh Water Lake South 2 10-Dec ME  
 Kannaviou Dam 2 18-Dec DJW  
 Mandria Canal 2 19-Dec CR  
 Polis Camp Site 3 14-Dec AD  
 Polis Chrysochou (Natura Beach) 3 14-Dec AD

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba* Αστρος

Ζευκαλάτης

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 100 5-Dec AKe  
 Athalassa Dam 10 3-Dec FGe  
 Geri 25 7-Dec FGe  
 Geri Fields c25 16-Dec SC  
 Larnaca Sewage Works area c20 14-Dec SC with F Georgiades  
 Mandria c50 8-Dec DJW

**WINTER WREN** *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Τρυποκάρυδο

Almirolivado (Troodos) 1 Heard 8-Dec JS  
 Kouklia Soakaways 1 popped out of the brambles near the running stream. Short, narrow cocked tail 19-Dec CR  
 Mandria 1 surprise, suddenly came out of grass, flew across olive grove and perched on low branch 1-Dec CR  
 Troodos Village 1 7-Dec ME  
 Tsada 1 called then sang briefly 18-Dec CR

**DUNNOCK** *Prunella modularis*

Κελαηδόστρουθος

Marathounta Hills 1 came out of cover and perched 14-Dec CR  
 Tsada north valley 1 bridge ,same place as Nov 30-Dec CR

**EUROPEAN ROBIN** *Erithacus rubecula*

Κορσινολαίμης

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake c12 21-Dec SC with M Konis  
 Armou Hills 14 15-Dec CR  
 Kafizides 14 9-Dec FGe  
 Souni 72 6-Dec JN

Strovolos, Nicosia 10 Pedeiaios River Bed

6-Dec JS

Tsada 10 18-Dec CR

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*

Γαλαζολαίμης

Akhna Dam 1 1 & 23-Dec AKe/FGe  
 Akhna Dam 2 5-Dec AKe  
 Evretou 1 Red spot, svecica. Close up and very confiding 15-Dec RA  
 Mandria Beach 2 1 male, 1 first winter female 8-Dec LAC  
 Mandria Canal 1 m 1-Dec CR  
 Paphos Sewage Plant 1 f 29-Dec CR  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 m 13-Dec CR  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 one with white spot 14-Dec JN  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 1 17 & 30-Dec KH/ME  
 Phassouri Reed Beds 2 31-Dec KH

**WESTERN BLACK REDSTART***Phoenicurus ochrurus* Καρβουονίαρης

*Western Black Redstart, Akamas, 7<sup>th</sup> December.  
 Photograph by Albert Stöcker*

Largest counts:

Agia Varvara 3 1 male, 2 fem 1-Dec DJW  
 Armou Hills 4 1m 27-Dec CR  
 Avagas Gorge 3 fem 26-Dec DJW  
 Mandria 4 3f 1-Dec CR  
 Marathounta Hills 4 5 & 7-Dec CR  
 Phinikas 5 1 m, 4 f 7-Dec DJW  
 Souni 7 6 females, 1 male 9-Dec JN

**COMMON STONECHAT** *Saxicola rubicola*

Παπαθικιά (Περίπεκτούδι)

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 30 18-Dec AKe  
 Arodes 25 6-Dec CR  
 Frenaros 100 6 & 16-Dec AKe  
 Geri 12 7-Dec FGe  
 Larnaca Airport Pools South 12 15-Dec FGe  
 Mandria 10 24-Dec CR  
 Marathounta Hills 13 5 & 14-Dec CR  
 Paphos Lighthouse 15 17-Dec CR

Spiro's Pool and Beach 12 16-Dec JS

**NORTHERN WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe oenanthe* Στακτοσκαλιφούρτα  
Mandria 1 Photographed 8-Dec DJW

**FINSCH'S WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe finschii*  
Βουνοσκαλιφούρτα  
Agios Sozomenos 1 31-Dec FGE  
Anarita Park 1 Male 30-Dec ME  
Armou 1 12 & 22-Dec CR  
Cape Greco Army Camp 1 Fem Light Throated 22-Dec ME  
Diarizos Valley, Kidasi 1 m 7-Dec CR  
Geri 1 Male 4-Dec JS/ME/CR/KTz  
Marathounta Hills 3 m calling, 2f 5-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 2 1 male, 1 fem 7-Dec DJW  
Marathounta Hills 1 m 14-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 4 2m, 2f (one with dark throat) 21-Dec CR  
Phinikas 2 male 7-Dec DJW

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola solitarius*  
Γαλαζοκόσουφας  
Anarita Park 1 Male 30-Dec ME  
Cape Greco Army Camp 2 Males 22-Dec ME  
Kensington Cliffs 1 distant bird on Zapalo cliff 10-Dec JN  
Kensington Cliffs 3 male 21-Dec KH  
Kouris Valley 1 male between Trim and Lania 21-Dec PVH  
Tunnel Beach, Episkopi 1 17-Dec ADT  
White River Cliff 2 6-Dec LAC  
White River, Akamas 1 male 26-Dec DJW

**EURASIAN BLACKBIRD** *Turdus merula* ♂  
Μαυρόπουλλος (♀ Μαυρότζικλα)  
Largest counts:  
Agia Varvara 2 male and female 1-Dec DJW  
Almirolivado (Troodos) 2 8-Dec JS  
Armou Hills 2 m,f 18-Dec CR  
Avagas Gorge 3 26-Dec DJW  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 2 male/fem 19-Dec DJW  
Orkontas 2 9-Dec FGE  
Trimiklini 7 in orchards below house, 2 male 5 females 27-Dec PVH  
Troodos Visitor Centre 2 8-Dec JS  
Tsada 2 6 & 18-Dec CR  
Tsada north valley 2 h 30-Dec CR  
**FIELDFARE** *Turdus pilaris* Τρυγονότζικλα

Akrotiri Salt Lake, eucalyptus trees north of lake 2 21-Dec SC  
Avagas Gorge 1 3-Dec KPr

**SONG THRUSH** *Turdus philomelos* Τζίκλα  
Largest counts :  
Akhna Dam 10 5-Dec AKE  
Armou Hills 10 15-Dec CR  
Avagas Gorge 22 26-Dec DJW  
Cape Greco 5 22-Dec AKE  
Kermia Beach 5 27-Dec AKE  
Marathounta 20 flying over house at dusk 23-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 7 21-Dec CR  
Souni 7 in flight 2-Dec JN

**MISTLE THRUSH** *Turdus viscivorus*  
Τριζάρα



Mistle Thrush, Orkontas, 9<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by Filippos Georgiades

Orkontas 1 9-Dec FGE

**CETTI'S WARBLER** *Cettia cetti*  
Ψευταηδόκι  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 4 23-Dec FGE  
Kouklia Soakaways 3 in song 31-Dec CR  
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 16-Dec JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 5 16-Dec CR  
Phassouri Reed Beds 4 heard 14-Dec JN

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*  
Δουλαππάρης  
Largest counts:  
Mandria 2 1, 24 & 29-Dec CR  
Manglis Dam 2 6-Dec JS  
Perivolia 2 22-Dec FGE  
Phassouri Reed Beds 3 14-Dec JN

**MOUSTACHED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus melanopogon* Μουστακομουγιούδι  
Akhna Dam 1 2-Dec RAT  
Bishop's Pool 1 30-Dec ME  
Finikaria 2 31-Dec KH



Kouklia Soakaways 2 in first soakaway reeds 19-Dec CR  
Kouklia Soakaways 3 seen well, calling 31-Dec CR  
Partenitis Dam c3 14-Dec SC  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 possibly 2 14-Dec JN

### **SPECTACLED WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*conspicillata* Κοτσινοφτέρι  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 31-Dec JS  
Cape Greco Army Camp 1 Male 22-Dec ME  
Geri 2 4-Dec JS  
Larnaca Airport Pools South 1 15-Dec FG  
Larnaca Sewage Works 2 16-Dec JS  
Manglis Dam 2 6-Dec JS  
Silver Beach 2 20-Dec ME

### **SARDINIAN WARBLER** *Sylvia*

*melanocephala* Τρυποβάτης



Sardinian Warbler, Akamas, 7<sup>th</sup> December.  
Photograph by Albert Stöcker.

#### Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 3 31-Dec JS  
Akrotiri Salt Lake 3 31-Dec JS  
Armou Hills 8 m,f 15-Dec CR  
Larnaca Salt Lake 3 16-Dec JS  
Mandria 3 2m 31-Dec CR  
Mandria Canal 3 1-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 5 2f 5-Dec CR  
Mavrokolymbos Dam 4 19-Dec DJW  
Souni 5 9-Dec JN  
Zennon Winery Omodos Troodos 4 3 Males 7-Dec ME

### **CYPRUS WARBLER** *Sylvia melanothorax*

Τρυπομάζης  
Armou 1 fem 3-Dec CR  
Curium 1 10-Dec JN  
Diarizos Valley, Paphos 1 4-Dec JN  
Kensington Cliffs 5 10-Dec JN  
Mandria 1 f, unusual location 31-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 1 fem type 5-Dec CR  
Souni 21 2-Dec JN

Souni 22 6-Dec JN  
Souni 1 heard calling 8-Dec JN  
Souni 16 9-Dec JN  
Souni 1 heard calling 11-Dec JN  
Souni 15 12-Dec JN

### **EURASIAN BLACKCAP** *Sylvia atricapilla*

Αμπελοπούλλι  
Akhna Dam 1 19-Dec AKE  
Archangelos, Nicosia 1 2-Dec JS  
Argaka Area 1 14 & 26-Dec AD  
Armou 7 3-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 1 m 15 & 25-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 4 23-Dec CR  
Bishop's Pool 1 Heard 30-Dec ME  
Engomi, Nicosia 2 26-Dec FG  
Kouklia Soakaways 5 19-Dec CR  
Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 3 2-Dec CR  
Mandria Canal 1 fem 1-Dec CR  
Nicosia Quite Common Less common than in November all-Dec SC  
Parekklesia 1 2-Dec ADT  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 heard calling 14-Dec JN  
Souni 2 6-Dec JN  
Souni 1 heard 9-Dec JN  
Souni 2 pair 11-Dec JN  
Strovolos, Nicosia 1 Pedeaos River Bed 2-Dec JS  
Strovolos, Nicosia 3 Pedeaos River Bed 6-Dec JS  
Tala 2 fem 15-Dec DJW  
Trimiklini 2 1 male and 1 female in garden 21-Dec PVH  
Tsada 4 6-Dec CR  
White River Cliff 1 male 6-Dec LAC

### **COMMON CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus*

*collybita* Μουγιαννούδι

#### Largest counts:

Armou 10 5 in one bush 12-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 5 15-Dec CR  
Engomi 6 22 & 26-Dec FG  
Geri 7 16-Dec KTZ  
Kouklia Soakaways 12 31-Dec CR  
Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 12 2-Dec CR  
Mandria 6 31-Dec CR  
Manglis Dam 5 6-Dec JS  
Paphos Sewage Plant 9 16-Dec CR  
Perivolia 8 22-Dec FG  
Souni 22 8-Dec JN  
Tsada 5 18-Dec CR

### **COAL TIT** *Parus ater* Πέμπτετος

Almirolivado (Troodos) 3 8-Dec JS



Argaka Dam, Paphos Present 13-Dec  
RAt  
Paphos Forest above Argaka 1 18-Dec  
AD  
Troodos Village 1 7-Dec ME  
Troodos Visitor Centre 7 8-Dec JS  
Vretsia, Paphos 2 10-Dec DJW

**GREAT TIT** *Parus major* Τσαγκαρούδι

Largest counts:  
Armou 6 22-Dec CR  
Armou Hills 5 25-Dec CR  
Engomi 5 26-Dec FGe  
Phassouri 6 heard calling 14-Dec JN  
Souni 9 only 2 seen, rest heard calling 6-  
Dec JN

**WALLCREEPER** *Tichodroma muraria*

Βραχοβάτης  
Avagas Gorge 1 1-Dec KPr  
Avagas Gorge 2 26-Dec DJW  
White River Cliff 1 6-Dec LAC

**SHORT-TOED TREECREEPER** *Certhia*

*brachydactyla* Δενδροβάτης  
Almirolivado (Troodos) 1 8-Dec JS  
Troodos Village 1 7-Dec ME  
Troodos Visitor Centre 3 8-Dec JS

**EURASIAN PENDULINE TIT** *Remiz*

*pendulinus* Υφάντρα  
Phassouri Reed Beds 1 Heard 30-Dec  
ME  
Phassouri Reed Beds 2 30-Dec KH

**EURASIAN JAY** *Garrulus glandarius* Κίσσα

Mousere, Paphos 1 17-Dec DJW  
Souni 4 3 flew out of a large golden oak  
bush and another heard calling on opposite  
side of track 6-Dec JN  
Tsada 5 feeding on old grapes and  
acorns, chasing through trees 18-Dec CR  
Tsada north valley 5 30-Dec CR

**EURASIAN MAGPIE** *Pica pica*

Κατσκορώννα  
Largest counts:  
Armou Hills 14 15-Dec CR  
Arodes 32 6-Dec CR  
Asprokremmos Dam 13 24-Dec CR  
Marathounta Hills 18 14-Dec CR  
Statos Kolios 26 winery 27-Dec CR  
Tsada 13 18-Dec CR

**WESTERN JACKDAW** *Corvus monedula*

Κολοιός  
Largest counts:  
Avagas Gorge c350 26-Dec DJW  
Agios Sozomenos c200 31-Dec FGe  
Evretou Dam c400 15 & 18-Dec RAT/DJW  
Mammari, Nicosia c120 24-Dec FGe  
Partenitis Dam c150 14-Dec SC with F  
Georgiades

**HOODED CROW** *Corvus cornix* Κοράζινος

Largest counts:  
Gerí 20 4-Dec CR  
Lower Ezousas, Acheleia 30 2-Dec CR  
Paphos Sewage Plant 64 29-Dec CR  
Phassouri Reed Beds 20 26-Dec CR  
Strovolos, Nicosia 70 Pedeios River Bed  
at dusk 6-Dec JS

**COMMON STARLING** *Sturnus vulgaris*

Λαζούρι  
Largest counts:  
Agia Napa 200 7-Dec AKe  
Akhna Dam 100 5-Dec Ake  
Engomi, Nicosia c200 26-Dec FGe  
Frenaros 1000 16-Dec AKe  
Paralimni Lake 100 30-Dec AKe

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Στρούθος  
Largest counts:  
Agia Thekla Area 300 7-Dec AKe  
Armou 50 22-Dec CR  
Larnaca Airport Pools South c80 15-Dec  
FGe  
Mandria 50 11-Dec CR  
Paralimni Lake 200 14-Dec AKe

**SPANISH SPARROW** *Passer*

*hispaniolensis* Αρκόστρουθος  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam c50 23-Dec ME  
Arodes 120 6-Dec CR  
Kermia Beach 300 17 & 22-Dec AKe  
Larnaca Sewage Works area c100 27-Dec  
SC

**DEAD SEA SPARROW\*** *Passer*

*moabiticus* Βαλτόστρουθος  
Oroklini Marsh 1 Female 10-Dec RM  
(Details requested)

**COMMON CHAFFINCH** *Fringilla coelebs*

Σπίννος  
Largest counts:  
Akhna Dam 100 1-Dec AKe

Arodes 120 6-Dec CR  
Athalassa Park c150 10-Dec SC with G  
Constantinou, P Stavrou & S Stavrou  
Souni 136 12-Dec JN

#### **EUROPEAN SERIN** *Serinus serinus*

Μπασταρτοκανάρινο

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 3 27-Dec ME

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c20 24-Dec FGe

Armou Hills 24 23-Dec CR

Arodes 30 6-Dec CR

Asprokremmos Dam 3 24-Dec CR

Diarizos Valley, Big Boulder 80 7-Dec CR

Engomi, Nicosia 15 26-Dec FGe

Gerì 5 16-Dec KTz

Kouklia Soakaways 45 31-Dec CR

Mandria Canal 5 1-Dec CR

Manglis Dam 1 19-Dec JS

Marathounta Hills 10 14 & 21-Dec CR

Omodhos to Agios Nikolaos road vineyard

area 2 1 pair 4-Dec JN

Parekklesia 4 23-Dec ADT

Souni 31 9-Dec JN

Trimiklini 7 around house mixed with

chaffinches 29-Dec PVH

Tsada 2 6-Dec CR

Vretsia c20 10-Dec DJW

Zennon Winery, Omodos, Troodos 4 7-

Dec ME

#### **EUROPEAN GREENFINCH** *Carduelis*

*chloris* Λουλουδάς

Largest counts:

Akrotiri Gravel Pits 30+ 31-Dec JS

Arodes 40 6-Dec CR

Marathounta Hills 22 14-Dec CR

Souni 22 2-Dec JN

#### **EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH** *Carduelis*

*carduelis* Σγαρτίλι

Largest counts:

Akhna Dam 100 1-Dec AKe

Evretou Dam c50 9 & 15-Dec RAT

Mandria 70 11-Dec CR

Marathounta Hills 80 14-Dec CR

Souni 50 6-Dec JN

Vrysoulles 100 16-Dec AKe

#### **COMMON LINNET** *Carduelis cannabina*

Τσακροσγάριλο

Max count per location:

Anthoupolis, Nicosia c35 24-Dec FGe

Armou Hills 12 23-Dec CR

Arodes 4 6-Dec CR

Asprokremnos Dam 2 30-Dec ME

Gerì 6 16-Dec KTz

Larnaca Salt Lake 40 16-Dec JS

Mandria 30 29-Dec CR

Marathounta Hills 31 21-Dec CR

Paphos Lighthouse 12 17-Dec CR

Paphos Sewage Plant 10 9-Dec CR

Perivolía 8 22-Dec FGe

Spiros Fields c3 14-Dec SC with F

Georgiades

Spiro's Pool and Beach 7 16-Dec JS

Tsada 2 18-Dec CR

#### **RED CROSSBILL** *Loxia curvirostra*

Σταυρομούπτη

Troodos Visitor Centre 5 Inc a juvenile

appearing to beg for food from an adult 8-

Dec JS

#### **COMMON REED BUNTING** *Emberiza*

*schoeniclus* Καλαμοπιπίλλα

Akrotiri Salt Lake 1 Zakaki Marsh channel

13-Dec CR

Larnaca Salt Lake 4 North-eastern side

16 & 21-Dec JS/ME

Phassouri Reed Beds 1 13, 30 & 31-Dec

CR/JS/ME

Phassouri Reed Beds 2 21-Dec SC with

M Konis

#### **CORN BUNTING** *Emberiza calandra*

Τσακρόστρουθος

Max count per location:

Akhna Dam 100 5-Dec AKe

Armou 9 3-Dec CR

Armou Hills 86 12-Dec CR

Arodes 190 6-Dec CR

Diarizos Valley, Kidasi 86 7-Dec CR

Diarizos Valley, Xtreme View 10 raining

7-Dec CR

Frenaros 10 6-Dec AKe

Gerì 20 7-Dec FGe

Kouklia Reservoir 4 23-Dec ME

Larnaca Airport Pools South 2 15-Dec

FGe

Larnaca Salt Lake 1 16-Dec JS

Larnaca Sewage Works area 1 16 & 27-

Dec JS/SC

Mandria 14 29-Dec CR

Marathounta Hills 35 probably more 7-

Dec DJW

Petounta Point c20 16-Dec JS

Souni 56 flock in flight probably disturbed

whilst feeding 7-Dec JN

Spiro's Pool and Beach 10+ 16-Dec JS

Vretsia 25 10-Dec DJW

Xeros Potamos c50 10-Dec DJW

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**BIRDLIFE CYPRUS WETLAND BIRD COUNT**  
**December 2013**  
 Andy Simpkin

The monthly count of wetland birds organised by BirdLife Cyprus collects results from important wetlands around the island, as part of a long-term wetland bird population monitoring programme. The presentation of these preliminary results in the *Monthly Checklist* is to acknowledge the efforts of the volunteer observers and to inform the rest of the birdwatching community of wetland bird numbers and distribution. Thanks to the wetland monitoring volunteers for their continued participation in this programme.

**Site, date and recorder details for the December 2013 Wetland Bird Count**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Date</b>
Paphos Lighthouse Headland	C Richardson	17/12/2013
Larnaka Salt Lake	J Stylianou	16/12/2013
Larnaka Sewage Works	J Stylianou	16/12/2013
Achna Dam	B Barker	15/12/2013
Agia Thekla-Liopetri River Coast	A Kefalas	19/12/2013
Paralimni Salt Lake	A Kefalas	16/12/2013
Paphos Sewage Farm	C Richardson/P Evans	16/12/2013
Evretou Dam	D & J Walker	18/12/2013
Asprokremos Dam and Pools	P Evans	16/12/2013
Aradippou Slurry Pits	S Christodoulides	14/12/2013
Partenitis Dam	S Christodoulides	14/12/2013
Mavrokolymbos Dam	D & J Walker	19/12/2013
<i>Lower Ezousas Soakaways</i>	<i>P Evans</i>	<i>16/12/2013</i>
<i>Ezousas Motorway Soakaways</i>	<i>P Evans</i>	<i>16/12/2013</i>
Asprokremos-Geroskipou canal	P Evans	16/12/2013
Agia Varvara Soakaways	P Evans	16/12/2013
Kouklia Soakaways	P Evans	16/12/2013

Kannaviou Dam	D & J Walker	18/12/2013
Manglis Dam	J Stylianou	19/12/2013
Agia Napa Sewage Works	A Simpkin, S Prokopiou	14/12/2013

*Sites in italics had a count of 0, and are not included in the results table below.*

### **December highlights**

There were counts at 20 sites in December with two zero counts. A total of 44 species were recorded and the total count was 4928. Top sites were Larnaka Sewage Works (2864 birds of 17 species), Larnaka Salt Lake (882 birds of 15 species) and Achna Dam (289 birds of 13 species).

Species with the highest counts were Northern Shoveler (1335), Common Teal (867), Common Coot (720), Common Shelduck (388) and Black-headed Gull (328). There were also good numbers of Mallard and Little Grebe, plus 140 Northern Lapwing and 242 Golden Plover. Other common waders included Kentish Plover and Little Stint. Finally two lucky observers had a visiting Pied Kingfisher on their counts.

WETLAND COUNT DECEMBER 2013	Little Grebe	Black-necked Grebe	Great Cormorant	Shag	Cattle Egret	Little Egret	Grey Heron	Greater Flamingo	Greater White-fronted Goose
Paphos Lighthouse headland									
Mavrokolymbos Dam	3								
Evretou Dam	2		3				1		
Kannaviou Dam	15						1		
Pafos Sewage Farm									
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal			3		4		3		
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways	2								
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools	3		3						
Manglis Dam	3								
Larnaka Salt Lake				4		1			
Larnaka Sewage Works	139	12	4					3	13
Partenitis Dam	4				30				
Aradippou slurry pits					15				
Achna Dam	5					1	3		
Agia Thekla - Liopetri River Coast			1			1			
Paralimni Salt Lake	2								
Agia Napa sewage works	65								
TOTAL	243	12	14	4	49	3	8	3	13

Common Shelduck	Eurasian Wigeon	Eurasian Teal	Mallard	Gadwall	Northern Pintail	Northern Shoveler	Ferruginous Duck	Western Marsh Harrier	Hen Harrier	Water Rail	Common Moorhen	Common Coot
	3	18	13			2					1	61
			13				2				1	135
		2						1	2			1
		40										
		5										
			3									
		6										4
377		30	16					1				
11		723	209		1	1330		1				183
		1	1							1	15	20
		4	2	1							2	258
		3				3					5	23
		35	1									35
388	3	867	258	1	1	1335	2	3	2	1	24	720

	Black-winged Stilt	Eurasian Stone-curlew	Northern Lapwing	Spur-winged Lapwing	Eurasian Golden Plover	Kentish Plover	Greater Sand Plover	Common Ringed Plover	Little Stint
Paphos Lighthouse headland					75		3		
Mavrokolymbos Dam									
Evretou Dam									
Kannaviou Dam									
Pafos Sewage Farm	9	4	80	7					
Asprokremnos-Geroskipou canal									
Agia Varvara soakaways									
Kouklia soakaways									
Asprokremnos Dam & Pools									
Manglis Dam									
Larnaka Salt Lake		11	52		167	62			50
Larnaka Sewage Works			1						3
Partenitis Dam				25					
Aradippou slurry pits								3	3
Achna Dam			7						
Agia Thekla - Liopetri River Coast						10	1		
Paralimni Salt Lake									
Agia Napa sewage works									
TOTAL	9	15	140	32	242	72	4	3	56



Temminck's Stint	Dunlin	Jack Snipe	Common Snipe	Common Redshank	Common Greenshank	Green Sandpiper	Common Sandpiper	Ruddy Turnstone	Common Black-headed Gull	Caspian Gull	Common Kingfisher	Pied Kingfisher	TOTAL	Species count
								1					79	3
											1		4	2
			2				1					1	108	12
											1		168	7
			1		2	1							110	11
											3		13	4
			16			12							68	3
												1	8	3
													9	3
													13	3
	8			1					99	3			882	15
				1					229	1			2864	17
													97	8
	2			4		1							28	6
3		1		1	1								289	13
							1						14	5
													36	5
							2						138	5
3	10	1	19	7	3	14	4	1	328	4	5	2	4928	44



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